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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,

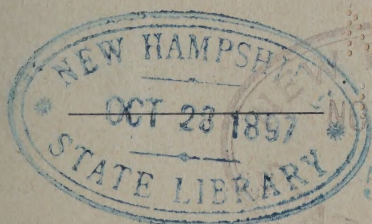
COMPRISING THOSE OF

Treasurer, Selectmen,

AND

School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.



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LITTLETON, N. H.

"REPUBLIC" BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.  
1885.











*ELISHA SWETT, Treasurer,*  
*In Account with town of Bethlehem,* *Dr.*

CASH RECEIVED.

1884.					
March	1,	Balance in hands of Geo. F. Abbott, Treasurer,			\$1.075 79
	7,	Received interest on money at Littleton Savings Bank,			45 30
		Received of D. P. Gordon, Collector, 1883,			60 00
		" " " " " "			
		Fire Precinct tax,			44 05
		Received of D. P. Gordon, " 1882,			11 04
		" " " " " 1883,			49 49
		" " " " " 1882,			5 16
		" " " " " 1883,			26 35
	14,	" Horatio Nye, " "			32 32
	18,	" " " " " "			45 00
	25,	" " " " " "			100 00
		" County pauper claims,			240 70
	27,	" Horatio Nye, " "			167 00
	29,	" " " " " "			80 00
April	1,	" " " " " "			80 00
	5,	" " " " " "			40 00
	8,	" " " " " "			57 00
	11,	" " " " " "			461 00
	15,	" " " " " "			77 00
	21,	" " " " " "			30 30
	29,	" W. L. Burgess toward payment for Lobby,			16 00
	30,	Received of Horatio Nye, Collector 1883,			110 00
May	16,	" " " " " "			145 00
	31,	" " " " " "			580 00
	16,	" C. E. Swasey, " 1884,			107 00
June	20,	" " " " " "			429 00
	30,	" " " " " "			91 00

Aug.	2,	Received of C. E. Swasey, collector 1884,	115 00
	19,	“ “ “ “	785 00
	21,	“ Horatio Nye, “ 1883,	450 00
	25,	“ C. E. Swasey, “ 1884,	365 00
	29,	“ “ “ “	943 00
		“ G. F. Abbott, treasurer in 1883, being error in his account,	100 00
Sept.	1,	“ C. E. Swasey, Collector 1884,	762 00
	5,	“ “ “ “	992 00
		“ “ “ “	270 55
	6,	“ “ “ “	272 75
	8,	“ “ “ “	1,112 89
	12,	“ “ “ “	65 08
	29,	“ Horatio Nye, “ 1883,	134 51
	30,	“ “ “ “	172 00
Nov.	13,	“ “ “ “	60 00
	17,	“ C. E. Swasey, “ 1884,	130 34
Dec.	3,	“ “ “ “	181 95
	4,	State rail road tax,	185 91
		“ Savings bank tax,	562 45
		“ Literary fund,	192 64
		“ Bounty on wild animals,	53 90
	15,	Received of C. E. Swasey, Collector 1884,	1,168 72
	27,	“ “ “ “	164 07
		1885.	
Jan.	4,	“ “ “ “	215 00
	13,	“ “ “ “	300 00
	15,	“ C. L. Bartlett, liquor prosecuting com- mittee,	9 30
	27,	“ W. B. Jesseman, Collector 1879,	41 48
		“ Dennis Phillips, license money on Bil- liard tables and Bowling Alleys,	44 66
Feb.	21,	“ C. E. Swasey, Collector 1884,	300 00
	25,	“ “ “ “ in full for tax of 1884,	19 11
	21,	“ C. L. Bartlett, liquor prosecuting com- mittee,	75 72
	25,	“ Horatio Nye, Collector 1882,	26 00
		“ “ “ 1883,	108 00
		“ “ “ “	93 54
		“ Savings Bank at Littleton, Interest to Jan. 1, 1885,	59 49
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			\$14,737 56

## AMOUNT PAID OUT BY THE TREASURER.

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

These bills were contracted and should have been paid before March 1st, 1884.

1884.

Paid Dr. F. T. Moffett, attendance J. Q. Hunt,	\$ 16 50
"                    "            W. Dow,	10 50
R. T. Gordon, money paid on brick side walk,	36 00
C. H. Clark, overtax,	1 33
D. J. Abbott, labor on highway,	20 00
Dan P. Gordon, applied on Abigail Morrison note,	15 00
"            Services collector after settlement,	1 50
R. D. Quimby, labor highway,	17 96
B. F. Muchmore, land damage,	45 00
Jesse Hughes, sheep killed by dogs,	3 50
Geo. A. Gilman, labor on highway,	4 90
Stephen Huntoon, " " "	1 50
James M. Kidder, land damage, Austin road,	25 00
Patrick Cassady, labor on highway,	1 50
James N. Turner, land damage, Austin road,	75 00
W. B. Jesseman, excess tax, 1883,	6 24
Bingham & Aldrich, legal services,	123 30
Dr. G. W. McGregor, recording births and deaths,	2 46
F. A. Haskell, repairing hearse,	4 50
W. L. Burgess, labor on hearse house and lobby.	16 00
George Stewart, excess of taxes,	65 00
Jonas P. Wallace, sheep killed by dogs,	4 50
J. C. Decker, labor on highway,	3 33
W. B. Jesseman, school-house tax, district 7,	20 00
Geo. T. Cruft, land damage, Austin road,	200 00
C. E. Wilson, drawing lumber, hearse house,	1 50
T. E. Sanger, recording births and deaths for 1878 through 1883,	4 75
Dr. W. B. Moody, attendance Jennie Ferguson and recording births and deaths,	15 95
B. F. Wells, coffin for Sanford Dailey,	12 00
S. C. York, labor and plank for highway,	8 00
J. W. Johnson, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
Brown, Allard & Cole, shingles for hearse house,	8 75
A. B. Cole, labor on highway,	75
E. R. Thompson, services as police and land dam- age, Austin road,	3 50
Joseph Philbrick, land damage, Austin road,	1 00



Abatement Sewel Shute tax,	2 63
C. L. Bartlett, land damage, Grove, Pine and Park street,	3 00
Horatio Nye, collector 1883, error in taxes that year,	42 71
Robinson & Gould, printing reports,	15 00
Dr. G. W. McGregor, amount allowed by county commissioners, more than paid by town,	8 04
C. L. Bartlett, treasurer fire precinct,	500 00
For stationery, selectmen,	2 29
Bounty on 185 Woodchucks,	18 50
Abatement Joseph Quimby farm,	2 25
Abatement lot No. 33, range 15, taxed twice,	9 31
“ “ 30 by No. only,	3 10
Land damage to Thomas Finn,	3 00
Geo. T. Cruft, use Golden Cross Hall to March 1st, 1885,	50 00
G. W. Phillips, time and money for perambulating line between Bethlehem and Littleton and between Bethlehem and Dalton,	26 00
J. E. Bronson, Memorial day,	25 00
S. P. Swett, painting hearse house and cemetery fence,	26 00
James Ash, bounty on 225 Woodchucks,	22 50
C. I. Jesseman, labor, old cemetery,	2 50
A. J. Phillips, recording inventory, 1884,	5 00
B. F. Muchmore, land damage, Cassady road,	7 50
Geo. T. Cruft, cedar posts for cemetery,	26 10
Dennis Phillips, provisions for running lines,	14 50
County tax,	1,198 44
Elisha Swett, time and cash paid perambulating lines between Bethlehem and Livermore,	222 72
A. C. Atto, blacksmith bill to Oct. 1st, 1884,	9 72
Abatement lot 22, range 13, taxed twice,	6 15
Discount on taxes paid to Sept. 5th, 1884,	314 82
James Ash, expenses to Livermore about running lines,	6 20
C. G. White & Son, provisions, &c, for running lines between Bethlehem and Livermore,	13 53
W. H. Presby, liquor prosecuting committee,	6 00
G. W. Phillips, bounty 129 Woodchucks,	12 90
G. W. Phillips, labor & cash paid on cemetery posts,	6 50
D. F. Chase, printing check list,	9 50
C. H. Clark, excess of tax,	3 78
Excess on Abigail Morrison property,	2 22
Excess on tax, lot 42, range 9,	4 54

C. E. Swasey, Collector, abatement on taxes, 1884,	14 19
State tax,	1.192 00
W. M. Morrison, bounty on bear,	10 00
C. E. Swasey, collector, abatement taxes,	3 94
Bingham, Aldrich & Remick, legal services,	69 34
W. B. Jesseman, abatement taxes, 1879, in full,	41 48
Dr. H. A. Hildreth, recording births and deaths,	10 75
T. W. Bean, blacksmith bill,	2 35
Robinson & Gould, printing bills of reward,	1 25
Dennis Phillips, locks for lobby,	1 75
Luther Wallace, redemption of Isaac Twombly farm, taxed twice in 1883,	5 48
C. L. Bartlett, liquor prosecuting committee to date,	10 50
Bingham, Mitchells & Batchellor, services and ex- penses in prosecuting Larongee & Terrien, liquor cases,	75 72
D. O. Wallace & Co., record book, town clerk,	6 35
W. J. Huntoon, 2 sheep killed, one damaged by dogs,	8 00
C. E. Swasey, collector 1884. Abatement taxes, book 1884,	23 95
J. K. Barrett, liquor prosecuting committee to date,	4 50
John Shea, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
Dr. G. W. McGregor, recording births and deaths,	1 50
Horatio Nye, for arresting and keeping prisoners,	12 00
Horatio Nye, collector 1883, abatement of fire precinct tax, also on book of 1883, and paid plough irons to C. C. Clark,	19 86
James Ash, one sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
Horatio Nye, collector 1883, abatement taxes,	51 37
“ “ 1882, “	14 92
Dennis Callahan, one sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
Allen Thompson, work in cemetery and digging grave for Mrs. Burley,	10 00
G. W. Phillips for postage, telegrams, express, expenses to Haverhill on pauper claims,	21 65
G. W. Phillips for Drew, Jordan & Carpenter, and other expenses in case of division of the town,	20 00
Town treasurer for stationery and postage,	2 00
Geo. S. Gove, excess of tax on gore lying between Carroll line and lots 24, 25, 26, 27,	9 87
John Pierce Jr., redemption from sale of Feb. 2d, 1884, lot 22, range 8, taxed twice in 1883,	8 84

L. Swett,	Water trough,	3 00
Alonzo Place,	"	3 00
J. H. McCullough,	"	1 50
Elizabeth Ash,	"	3 00
W. L. Shuttuck,	"	3 00
J. N. Turner,	"	3 00
I. B. Hoit,	"	3 00
V. Blood,	"	3 00
Luther Wallace,	"	3 00
Nelson Howland,	"	3 00
C. A. Thompson,	"	3 00
A. H. Watson, land damage, Winter road,		5 00
L. J. Austin, building Austin road,		212 50
Dr. H. A. Hildreth, recording births and deaths,		50
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		\$4,495 67

## CASH PAID FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1884.

Paid O. S. Taylor, breaking roads, etc.,	\$ 3 71
J. H. McCullough, "	4 00
A. J. Tilson, injury on highway,	7 50
G. A. Gilman, labor highway,	2 79
H. C. Libbey & Co., lumber,	20 33
James E. Vial, "	178 08
C. K. Blandin, labor,	6 00
H. G. Watson, blasting and rocks moved,	12 27
F. E. Abbott, labor on bridge,	3 34
C. F. Cate, plank,	6 50
S. G. King, labor,	9 00
M. C. Noyes, labor and plank,	300 00
Charles H. Hoyt, labor,	43 71
Dennis Phillips, spikes,	30 36
S. W. Constantine, labor,	7 00
B. F. Bean, drawing lumber,	3 50
F. B. Thompson, gravel,	5 00
C. G. White & Son, spikes,	30 84
S. G. King, labor,	5 25
J. C. Decker and A. E. Brill, labor,	9 29
G. W. Phillips, labor and cash paid,	6 94
M. C. Noyes, lumber,	34 82
D. I. Abbott, labor on bridge,	10 75
C. E. Baker, labor,	1 66
John Pierce, Jr., lumber,	70 69



G. H. Turner, labor and cash paid,	22 21
W. H. H. Huntoon, labor,	6 50
Milo Baker, labor,	5 33
Joe Toronto, labor,	6 07
N. F. Miles, labor and plank,	4 49
C. H. Clark, labor,	14 40
D. B. Crane, labor,	8 00
J. S. Mudgett, breaking roads,	2 00
Luther Wallace, labor and timber, April, 1884,	5 40
James A. Ash, breaking roads, Feb. 1885,	8 86
John W. Hoit, " "	17 00
Dennis Callahan, " "	7 50
C. E. Swasey, " "	2 95
Isaac N. Gay, labor,	1 26
W. H. H. Huntoon, " "	4 25
M. C. Noyes, " "	6 04
Chas, Howland, " "	3 00
M. Tibeadeau, " "	1 50
Michael Finn, " "	4 50
Thomas Finn, " "	10 87
J. H. McCullough, " "	5 50
William M. Morrison, " "	7 00
C. K. Blandin, " "	3 22
Henry Howland, " "	2 00
S. C. York, " "	10 50
James Ash, " "	3 00
S. H. Thayer, " "	5 25
C. H. Clark, " "	6 51
Asa E Swasey, " "	12 00
C. I. Jesseman, " "	2 00
James Dike, " "	75
C. L. Bartlett, " "	1 50
Laurentius Swett, " "	15 96
J. P. Wallace, " "	3 37
Amasa Streeter, " "	1 00
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## CASH PAID FOR SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

1884.

Paid Mitchel Tibadeau, support of Mrs. Leonard Willard,	\$ 6 00
M. Tibadeau, support of Mrs. Leonard Willard,	5 25
Dennis Phillips, goods to Elias Hildreth,	14 81
M. Tibadeau, support of Mrs. Leanord Willard,	7 50

Geo. W. Phillips, expense of Geo. Hubbard,	9 10
C. A. Thompson, care of Daniel Kellum,	8 00
Mrs. Owen Laughnay, care and expense of Daniel Kellum,	6 00
Geo. W. Phillips, paid on transient paupers,	18 07
James McCrea, board and care of Daniel Kellum,	9 63
M. Tibadeau, support of Mrs. Leonard Willard,	7 50
Dennis Phillips, goods to Elias Hildreth to Dec. 29th,	20 01
Dr. H. A. Hildreth, medical treatment of Isaac N Gay,	1 50
M. Tibadeau, support of Mrs. Leonard Willard to March 1st,	5 25
H. C. Redington & Co., support of John Sherwood family, Jan. 1st to March 1th, 1885,	18 00
Dr. G. W. McGregor, medical attendance, John Sherwood family,	11 25
F. L. White, goods furnished Elias Hildreth,	10 00
Allen Thompson, digging grave for James Dunn's child,	2 00
G. W. Phillips, paid for transient paupers,	7 80
“ “ provisions for Elias Hildreth,	82
John M. Rowe, keeping tramps,	2 00
Dr. G. W. McGregor, treatment of Joe Boardreau family,	8 75
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	\$179 24

## CASH PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

1884.

Paid support Ezra Bean children,	\$ 10 00
John Shea, support Julia Scannell,	17 00
Dennis Phillips, goods to Julia Scannell,	3 91
John Shea, support “	25 00
Hillsborough county, support Ada A. Stearns and child to Oct. 1st, 1884,	52 00
J. R. Bean, support Ezra Bean children,	50 00
“ “ “ “ in full to March 1st, 1885,	50 00
Hillsborough county, support of Ada A Stearns and child to March 4, 1885,	44 00
John Shea, support of Julia Scannell to Feb. 23d, 1885,	24 00
M. C. Noyes, for house rent and wood, W. H. Bean family to Feb 24th, 1885,	6 44

Dr. G. W. McGregor, attendance Mrs. J. A. Bean,	3 00
James Ash, medicine for Julia Scannell,	1 60
Dr. F. T. Moffett, medical treatment, Ezra Bean children,	4 50
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	\$291 45

## CASH PAID FOR THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$603 24
2,	82 27
3,	60 21
4,	139 06
5,	89 22
6,	136 91
7,	136 45
8,	65 62
10,	182 69
11,	87 72
Town of Whitefield,	2 21
Special tax, district No. 1,	150 00
School-house tax district No. 1,	100 00
3,	12 00
6,	25 00
10,	25 00
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	\$1,894 60

## PAID SERVICES TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. E. Baker, services as supervisor, March and November, 1884,	\$ 22 00
T. W. Bean, services as supervisor, March and November, 1884,	18 00
J. K. Barrett, services as supervisor, March and November, 1884,	12 00
Dennis Phillips, town clerk,	50 00
Charles E. Swasey, collector 1884,	149 00
Horatio Nye, " 1882 and 1883,	50 00
" " police 1883 and 1884,	8 00
D. J. Smith, school committee,	48 00
G. W. Phillips, overseer of the poor,	33 00
" " selectman,	109 00
James Ash, overseer of the poor,	6 00
" " selectmen,	78 00
John M. Rowe, overseer of the poor,	6 00
" " selectman,	85 00



C. A. Thompson, policeman,	5 00
Elisha Swett, treasurer,	14 00
Benjamin Tucker, auditor and other services,	9 00
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	\$702 00

## TOWN NOTES, BONDS, AND INTEREST PAID.

1884.		
Nov. 28,	Paid Abigail Morrison, note and interest,	\$ 179 80
1885.		
Feb. 27,	“ Town bonds due Sept. 1st, 1884,	1,000 00
	“ Bond coupons including part due March 1st, 1885,	760 00
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		\$1,939 80
Amount received by treasurer,	\$14,737 56	
paid out “	11,365 84	
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Amount in treasurer's hands, March 1st 1885,		\$3,371 72

## OUTSTANDING TOWN BONDS.

Sabina Kenney,	\$5,000
Elisha Swett,	1,500
Town of Littleton,	2,600
Luther Wallace,	1,900
Sarah A. Bunker,	1,200
Olive Crane,	750
William M. Taylor,	1,050
John B. Clifford,	750
Ann C. Shattuck,	650
B. F. Winch,	800
Eli B. Wallace,	800
Orville B. Hildreth,	600
Eliza Hatch,	500
Malvina Hughes,	450
Henrietta F Bunker,	400
F. P. Shattuck,	400
S. F. Winch,	300
George H. Bunker,	300
Simeon Bowles,	300
John B. Harrigan,	200
Alonzo H. Watson,	150
Chester H. Wallace,	150
Charles R. Phillips,	100
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	\$20,850

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN MARCH 1st, 1885.

Due from County of Grafton, pauper bills of 1884,	\$179 24
William Glover,	133 17
Town of Livermore,	83 00
State, bounty one bear,	10 00
W. L. Burgess, bale on old lobby,	4 00
H. Nye, collector 1883,	101 75
County of Grafton, Jennie Ferguson bill, 1883, continued from March term, 1884,	47 39
County, Felix La Chance bill,	45 00
Elisha Swett, treasurer, as follows:	
In Littleton town bonds,	\$ 400 00
"    Savings bank,	2,345 49
Cash,	626 23
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	\$3,371 72
From town clerk, balance licenses,	18 84
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	\$3,994 11

## RECAPITULATION.

Liabilities March 1st, 1884,	\$22,027 46
"    "    1885,	20,850 00
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Decrease in liabilities,	\$1,177 46
Assets of the town March 1st, 1884,	5,035 59
"    "    "    1885,	3,994 11
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Decrease in assets,	\$1,041 48
Town debt, March 1st, 1884,	\$16,991 87
"    "    1885,	16,855 89
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Decrease in debt March 1st, 1885,	135 98
TOTAL VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1884,	\$636,178
Valuation of land and buildings,	470,514
No. of Polls,	333
Horses,	325
Asses,	6
Oxen,	149
Cows,	470
Young stock,	217
Sheep,	580
Hogs,	27
Carriages,	85

Money at interest	12,270
Stock in trade,	55,984
Mills and Machinery,	17,200
Buildings not designated,	200

I have examined the accounts of the treasurer and found them correct, with vouchers, for every dollar paid out, also examined the books and bills of the selectmen which I found correct, with a bill for every order given on the treasurer. It will be seen that the sum \$1939.80 has been paid for the Abigail Morrison note. Town Bonds, and Coupons, of which there was only appropriated the sum of \$1,000 to pay the same at the annual meeting in March, 1884. The big snow storm in February, 1885, it will be seen cost the town \$146.00 cash.

It will be seen that the assets are \$1,000 less than last year, and that the decrease of the debt is not so much as the year past. The assets now in are what can be called cash, there were also paid \$828.06 which bills were contracted and should have been paid previous to March 1, 1884. If these bills had been paid it would have shown less amount of the decrease of debt a year ago. At the annual meeting two years ago \$2,500 was appropriated to pay the town debt whereas one year ago only \$1,000 was appropriated to pay \$1,939.80 which of course shows, if the right amount had been appropriated the assets would have been larger consequently the debt would have shown more of a decrease.

BENJAMIN TUCKER, Auditor.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT, MARCH, 1885.

Our claim against the County for support of paupers is very much less than last year. We have carried to the county farm 9 persons during the year. The paupers we have with us we are paying for their support such price as the commissioners instruct us to pay.

In regard to the assets of the town they are very much less than last year. We have not thought it best to put any item in the assets but what is already cash, or can be readily converted into cash, so that when the assets are subtracted from the amount of outstanding bonds it will show you the town's true indebtedness. We have, as we believe, paid every claim contracted by us or our predecessors, so that the bonds are the only claims against the town at this date.

You will see by treasurer's report that all taxes for 1884 are collected and paid into the treasury and that the abatements have been very small, and we sincerely desire that every voter will carefully consider the subject of voting a discount for prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

In regard to the vote of the town to run the range lines in the new annexations, \$1000 was raised for that purpose. We have expended of this enough to run the line between our town and Livermore and also enough to pay Elisha Swett and James A. Ash for a weeks service examining lands in that territory, as to the valuation; their report will be very valuable when assessing taxes. The amount expended will be found in treasurer's report. The balance of the \$1000 is now in the treasury. It appears that this Livermore line was run with the assistance of the county, several years ago, but no record can be found, either in our town clerk's office or in the county records. We have run that line and have it on record, although Livermore refused to assist. We have charged that town their due share of the expense. The amount will be found in the assets.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. PHILLIPS,	} Selectmen
J. M. ROWE,	
JAMES ASH,	
	} of
	} Bethlehem.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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### *To the town of Bethlehem:*

The school year has been one of average prosperity. With few exceptions the schools have been in the care of teachers with more or less experience, a number of whom have taught before in town. We record, with pleasure, the general fidelity and earnest labors of the teachers and corresponding improvement on the part of the scholars. Much credit is due the teachers for efficiency and success and the scholars for deportment and application.

In some instances a marked degree of interest and progress has been manifested, in others the standard of excellence may not have been all that could be desired on the part of the teacher or all of the pupils. But there has been forbearance perhaps to a fault sometimes, hence there has been no serious complaint or outbreak, no teacher has been removed or scholar expelled and the schools have closed in comparative harmony. But little improvement has been made in the school property.

There are some good school houses in town but as a whole the school buildings are not in a satisfactory condition. Most of them need improvements or repairs. In districts No. 3, 4, 8 and 11 new houses should be built or the old ones thoroughly reconstructed. The school-house is an educational force of itself. It should be pleasantly and conveniently located, constructed so as to be adapted to the end in view, well ventilated and with ample grounds. It should be well furnished with appliances for teaching, such as maps, charts, globes, blackboards and desk books. The scholars should be taught to respect the school-room and be held to a strict account for any injury or defacements; at the same time the house should be kept in repair so as not to invite injury. If windows are left broken, doors and blinds without hinges, clapboards loose and plastering removed, the tendency is to demoralize the children and lead them into temptation, therefore the condition of our school property is an important one. Let us furnish the best helps we can in this respect for the education of our children.

The attention of the teachers and schools has been called to the new law of the state providing for instruction with special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. After careful examination Steele's Hygienic Physiology has been selected and introduced as a text book well calculated to meet the design of the law. We hope our children will be deeply interested in the pursuit of this study. With this exception there has been no change in the text books during the year.

In district No. 1 efforts have been made in the past and present to classify and grade the school; these should be continued until a full system is established and a course of study prescribed. There seems to be no sufficient reason why a good school of the higher order could not be built up and maintained in this district, a school furnishing advantages sufficient to qualify the student for any of the ordinary positions of life and if desired fit our young men for college. One that would not only meet the demands of the district, retain the larger scholars, but furnish facilities for those in the other districts of the town that might wish to attend. But with inexperienced or inferior teachers, constant change in supervision and instructors, with little or no system, such a school as our means will furnish and our necessities demand will never be realized. Measures should be taken to secure a permanent and competent teacher, with adequate compensation, one that has capacity for organization, leadership and government as well as attractive power and aptitude to teach, who will place the school in a first class condition and maintain it. But as this report is not the place for a full discussion of the question we suggest that the matter receive serious consideration at the next annual meeting of the district.

It hardly need be said that the attendance, discipline and success of our schools will depend very largely upon the cooperation of the parents. It should not be a matter of choice with the child whether it attends school or not, parental authority should settle that question and see that the child is in the school-room regularly when possible. The reports indicate that the law, requiring the attendance of children at least twelve weeks in the year, has been well observed.

The whole number of children of school age, reported by the selectmen, is 216—boys 100, girls 116. The whole number attending school two weeks or more is 330; the whole number from 5 to 15 inclusive is 304. For further items see table below.

Respectfully submitted,

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